



*Los Angeles County
District Attorney's*

Courageous Citizen Awards Ceremony

Thursday, November 8, 2018

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Northridge

AWARD RECIPIENTS

DONALD SHAW

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Ranna Jahanshahi

A security guard spotted a woman shoplifting from a supermarket in Valley Village on Nov. 21, 2016. When the guard attempted to stop her, the woman screamed and her boyfriend charged the guard. The security guard yelled for help, and Donald Shaw, who was drinking coffee nearby, heard his cries and responded. Mr. Shaw hit the man to try to stop the attack. However, the man fought back, pulling out a knife and stabbing Mr. Shaw several times. The guard grabbed the attacker and handcuffed him until authorities arrived. After the incident, Mr. Shaw assisted in the prosecution of the case. He testified at the preliminary hearing, helping ensure that justice was served.

DANIEL AYARD

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Julie Kramer

A 5-year-old girl became separated from her grandmother at the Panorama City Mall on April 21, 2016. The girl was approached by a man, who offered to help her find her grandmother. Instead, the man took her to the parking lot and sexually assaulted her. Daniel Ayard heard the little girl's cries for help and came to her rescue. As Mr. Ayard approached, the man fled. Mr. Ayard chased the man for several blocks before catching him. They fought, then the man ran into a supermarket and hid. Mr. Ayard called 911 and waited until police arrived and arrested the man. Mr. Ayard's testimony at the preliminary hearing and his willingness to testify at trial helped prosecutors secure the man's conviction.

JOHN R. ELDRIDGE

Presented by Deputy District Attorneys Carolyn Yeh and Stephen Morgan

On March 5, 2012, a couple tricked a man into joining them on a ride into the Lancaster desert. Unbeknownst to the victim, a criminal street gang had ordered the man's death because he was believed to have spoken to police about their activities. The couple shot and brutally beat the victim and left him for dead. John R. Eldridge was trail-riding his motorcycle nearby when he heard the badly injured man yell for help. Mr. Eldridge called for help and told authorities what the victim had said about the attack. The victim died nine days later, but, thanks to Mr. Eldridge, he had an opportunity to be with his family again. Mr. Eldridge also testified as part of the prosecution's case at trial.